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DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND MISSION IN GREEN BAY, 1825-41.

The following documents touching upon the formative period of Christ Church (Protestant Episcopal) in Green Bay, and the Indian mission for a time maintained there by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of that denomination, are selected from the archives of this Society. They should be studied in connection with Dr. Kemper's journal, already given, and in a measure illustrate the latter. For purpose of identification, the pressmark of each document is given; *e. g.*., [G. L. P., XVIII: 74]=Grignon, Lawe, and Porlier Papers, Vol. XVIII, No. 74. Besides this collection we have drawn upon the Papers of George Boyd, Indian Agent, also in our possession, and upon our large collection of unbound MSS.; the several sources are indicated by obvious press-marks.

These documents, together with the Kemper journal, throw strong light on the hitherto almost neglected history of the Cadle mission, and incidentally give us intimate pictures of life in Green Bay during an interesting period of its development.

INTRODUCING MR. NASH.

Mackina 21st July 1825

Dear Sir —you will receive these few lines by M r Nash¹ a Minister of the Gospel which He intends to Establish a Missionary at Green Bay if he finds the place suitable and

¹ Rev. Norman Nash, of Philadelphia. A. G. Ellis, who came to Green Bay as Nash's assistant, states specifically in his "Recollections," *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vii, pp. 233-235,

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that they “arrived at the Bay nearly at the same time, late in August,” 1824. This letter and subsequent documents, however, show that it was 1825. Nash opened his school in the old Indian Agency building, on the west side of the river. Ellis soon separated from his chief and opened another Episcopal school on the east side—“in the new school house” at “Shantytown.” Ellis says he had “over eighty scholars,” while Nash “had a few scholars from the west side; he also preached to the neighbors on Sundays.” Nash was, according to Ellis, given to “studies and sundry amusements, portrait painting and boat building,” and in the spring “left for New York, having closed the house, with all his, and the church's property left in an insecure state—the house being isolated, and at a considerable distance from others.” In June, the house was broken into and much of the property stolen. The rest, Ellis and the sheriff, Ebenezer Childs, secured and turned over to the church committee. Nash never returned to Wisconsin.— Ed.

451 a little Encouragement he is a pliscopalian Minister and as i presume you are of that Church you i presume will Endeavour to advise him to the Best as he will be a Stranger at your place He has preachd in our quarter and the people Seem much pleased with him and I take the liberty to introduce him to you

With Respect Yours &c John Dunn

John Law Esqu 1

1 Laws was an English Jew, whose relatives in the Fox River valley were all Catholics. But he and several others in Green Bay, who had in no way been connected with the Protestant Episcopal denomination (such as Henry S. Baird, who had been reared a Scotch Presbyterian), in a desire to have some Protestant church established in the settlement, welcomed the Episcopalian missionary, and some of them became active workers in parish administration.— Ed.

Indorsed: “Not answered.”

[G. L. P., XVIII: 74.]

ORGANIZATION OF PARISH.2

2 The following proceedings are from the original leaves of the vestry book, kept by Henry S. Baird, and presented to the Society by his daughter, Mrs. Louise S. Favill. Accompanying the formal records are the original drafts of the several resolutions; also the original declaration of faith, with autograph signatures of the vestrymen.— Ed.

Vestry Book .

Original meeting. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Green Bay held at the office of Robert Irwin Jr. Esquire, on monday the 10th. day of April A. D. 1826, J. D. Doty Esquire was appointed Chairman.

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The object of the meeting being stated by the Reverend Mr. Nash, On motion it was,

Appointment of seven vestry-men. Resolved, That the Vestry of the Church at this place do consist of seven persons: and upon balloting, the following persons were declared duly elected to said vestry, 1 to wit, John Lawe, John P. Arndt, J. D. Doty, R. Irwin Jr., A. G. Ellis, Daniel Whitney and H. S. Baird.

1 The original draft of the resolution bears a memorandum of the votes cast, as follows: Doty, 9; R. Irwin, Jr. and Ellis, 8 each; Baird, 6; Arndt and Lawe, 9 each; Whitney, 7; A. J. Irwin, 3; George Johnston, Lieut. Andrew Lewis (3rd infantry), and R. Irwin, Sr., 2 each; William Dickinson, Jacques Porlier, Lewis Rouse, Ebenezer Childs, and H. B. Brevoort (Indian agent), 1 each.— Ed.

Adjournment. Whereupon this meeting was adjourned without day.

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J. D. Doty , Chairman.

First meeting of the vestrymen. The members of the vestry (with the exception of D. Whitney) having assembled at the time and place above mentioned, proceeded to organize a meeting, J. D. Doty being appointed Chairman, for the present year.

The following declaration was read and signed by the members of the vestry then present, viz.

Declaration and qualification of vestry. "We, whose names are annexed unto this instrument, *do hereby* declare that we do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God , and to contain all things necessary to Salvation ; and do *Solemnly promise* , to conform to the doctrine and worship of the *Protestant Episcopal Church* , in the United States, and to endeavor to promote the interest of the same in all our Official acts as Vestry-men of CHRIST CHURCH.

Signed. J. D. Doty , John P. Arndt John Lawe Robert Irwin , Jr. A. G. Ellis , H. S. Baird .

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Appointment of secretary. On motion, Resolved that Henry S. Baird be appointed Standing Secretary to the Vestry.

Appointment of wardens. Resolved, that A. G. Ellis, and Robert Irwin, Jr. be appointed wardens, for the present year.

Committee to draft bye-laws. Resolved, that a committee of three persons be appointed to draft a code of Bye-laws, for the government of said Vestry;

and that Messrs. Ellis, R. Irwin, Jr. and Arndt compose said Committee.

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Committee to obtain subscriptions. Resolved, that Messrs. Lawe and Arndt do constitute a Committee to Circulate a Subscription Paper for erecting a Church at Green Bay.

Adjournment. Meeting then adjourned until thursday next at 3 O'clock P. M. at the office of R.

Irwin Jr. Esq. H. S. Baird , secretary

J. D. Doty Chn.

Thursday (3 O'clock P. M.) April 13, 1826.

Members present 13 April, 1826. The vestry met pursuant to adjournment present J. D. Doty, Chairman, H. S. Baird Secretary, and John Lawe, R. Irwin Jr. A. G. Ellis and J. P. Arndt members

Qualification of D. Whitney. Daniel Whitney appeared, signed the necessary qualification, and took his place as a member of the vestry.

Appointment of Treasurer. On motion, Resolved that a Treasurer to the Vestry be elected by ballot.

Postponed. But after balloting several times: (no person having received a majority of the whole number of votes) it is on motion Resolved that the election of said Treasurer be postponed until the next meeting of the Vestry.

Location of scite for the Church. Resolved that the vestry now proceed to locate the scite of the Church, which is to be erected at this place; and that said location be made by Ballot.

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Where located. And upon Balloting, it is declared that said Church shall be erected upon a lot of land upon the North side and adjoining the County Seat, within the County of Brown:

Adjournment. And then the Vestry adjourned to meet again on the first day of June next, at the office of R. Irwin Jr. at 4 O'clock P. M.

H. S. Baird , Secy.

J. D. Doty .

Thursday June 1st, 1826 (4 o'clock P. M.)

Members present. The vestry met pursuant to adjournment, Present, J. D. Doty, President, H. S. Baird Secretary, D. Whitney, R. Irwin, Jr. & A. G. Ellis & John Lawe—members.

Appointment of treasurer. The appointment of Treasurer having been postponed at a former meeting, to the present time—the members proceeded to elect one by ballot. John Lawe was found to have a majority of the whole number, and was thereupon declared duly elected. John Lawe elected.

Regular meetings of the vestry. Resolved 1stly. That this vestry meet on the first monday in every other month, and that the chairman be authorised to call special meetings of the same during the interim, when he may deem it expedient for the transaction of business.

Who shall constitute a meeting. 2ondly. That it shall require a majority of the whole of the members for the transaction of business.

Com. for sub. make report. The Committee appointed to procure subscriptions for the church, make report, which is accepted, and they are discharged from the performance of any further duty.

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Subscription paper, how disposed of. Resolved that the subscription paper be committed to the care of the Wardens of the vestry, to circulate and obtain subscriptions—after which said paper to be deposited with the Treasurer; who shall give to Mr. Nash a copy thereof certified under the hand of the Chairman.

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And thereupon the vestry adjourned until the first monday in August next at 4 O'clock P. M.

H. S. Baird, Secy. J. D. Doty.

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CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION.¹

¹ See *ante*, p. 411, note 2, for historical sketch of the Cadle mission.— Ed.

G. Bay , April 24, 1830.

As yet no children have been received into the Mission Family, from whose parents any compensation is expected or wished for. The principal condition of admission as boarders is, that the children be partakers in some degree of Indian blood. In the case of children of *persons able and willing to pay* for the instruction & provision furnished by this establishment, the rate of tuition & boarding will not exceed \$30 pr ann. The children of the indigent will be instructed and boarded gratuitously; if there are those of others willing to pay in part or wholly, they will be admitted with such an understanding. Yr.

R. F. Cadle .

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PRICE FOR A SITE.

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[Forwarded, but unsigned.]

Green Bay , April 30th 1830

The Rev. R. F. Cadle

Dr Sir ,—in compliance with your request I forward you my price for the lot of land which you spoke to me about for a site for your Mission, the price will be One thousand Dollars for which sum I will give you a Quit-claim Deed of the lot spoken of

I am Sir Yours very Respectfully

Rev. R. F. Cadle

[G. L. P., XXV: 28.]

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THE ARRANGEMENTS EXPLAINED.

The undersigned respectfully gives the following explanation of the arrangements which he would wish to make respecting all children committed to the Mission School at present under his superintendence.

And, first, with respect to dayscholars.

If the parents are able to pay for their tuition the charge pr quarter will be \$2.00 for such as are under 14 years of age; if over 14 years the charge will be \$2.50. Parents not able to pay will be charged nothing. The school will throughout the year open at 9 o'clock A. M: the morning exercises will close at half past 12 o'clock until the 1st day of March: the afternoon exercises will until the 1st day of March begin at half past 1 o'clock & continue until about 4 o'clock. There will be two examinations in a year; viz, in Decr. & in June, after which there will be one weeks vacation: the first examination will be held in June next. The

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school will not be open on Christmas day, nor New Years day, nor Ash Wednesday, nor Good Friday, nor Ascension day, nor Thanksgiving day. It is not wished to receive any scholar for less time than a quarter.

Secondly, with regard to Boarders.

The Supt does not wish to receive any children under 4 years of age. He would prefer, too, that the children should not be over 14 years of age, although others of a greater age may be admitted at the discretion of the Supt. It will be expected that the children be committed to the entire control of the Supt of this Institution. Unless the control be entire he would be unwilling to take the charge of them. For such parents as are able to pay the charge for the year will be \$30.00, exclusively of clothing. Such as are able to pay in part may do so; such as cannot pay at all will be charged nothing: but from both will be expected an instrument in writing committing their children to my care for a specified period. Those who pay in full will not be requested to enter into any written engagement, 457 and may withdraw their children from this Mission at their pleasure, though during their connexion with it they must be subject to its rules equally with others & be restrained from visiting. Those who have agreed to pay in part may remove their children from the Mission before the stipulated time by making payment in full. No payment is expected or wished from the full blood Indians. The children boarding at the Mission, I will engage, will be furnished with suitable & sufficient clothing, bedding & provisions; in sickness they will have medical attendance & nursing care; they will have their hours of recreation as well as of employment & study: they will be taught the usual branches of an English education, such as reading, writing, arithmetic & geography; and, in addition, it is contemplated to teach the girls house-keeping, sewing & knitting and eventually spinning & weaving—and the boys farming. Every indulgence will be showed to them that is consistent with the encouragement of industry & the maintenance of discipline. The particular rules for the government of the school & family will be cheerfully submitted to all who may wish to ascertain their nature.

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Richard F. Cadle .

Dec. 14th 1830

The dayschool will be opened on Monday the 20th inst.

Addressed: "John Lawe Esq. Present."

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CADLE TO LOUIS GRIGNON.

Dec. 29th 1830.

Dr Sir ,—I take the liberty of sending to you a letter addressed to Mr Powell;¹ which I should be very much obliged to you to forward to him whenever a convenient opportunity should occur.

¹ Capt. William Powell, fur trader.— Ed.

As you expressed a wish yesterday for your son Pierre to remain a short time at the School, may I request the favour, if you still have such wish, of your calling previously in order to my submitting to you the rules that have been adopted for the regulation of the School?

I remain truly Yrs, Richard F. Cadle .

L. Grignon, Esq .

[G. L. P., XXVI: 43.]

TO P. B. GRIGNON.

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May 18th 1831

Dear sir , I have been happy in receiving your note of this day & with it an accession of a Menominee pupil. I will take good care of him, & must solicit you to keep his father in the good disposition towards this School which he now has.

I remain Respectfully & truly Yrs, R. F. Cadle .

P. B. Grignon Esq .

[G. L. P., XXVII: 32.]

BILL AGAINST LAWE.

John Lawe To Richard F. Cadle, Dr

\$ cts

For tuition of Maria Lawe from July 15, 1830 to Nov. 10 1830 2.30

" " Mary Lawe " " 2.30

" " Rebecca Lawe " " 2.88

" " Jane Lawe " " 2.30

" " David Lawe 16, " 2.88

\$12.66

(E. E.) 2.03

\$10.63

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Green Bay Feb. 17, 1831.

Cr. By 1 quart r Lamb & 1.03

4 chickens 1.00

\$2.03

Green Bay June 8th 1831.

Received payment in full of the above account.

Rich d F. Cadle .

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TO LAWE.

Sep. 3d. 1831

Dear Sir ,—it would be a satisfaction to myself if you could examine the position of the stakes on the line between your lot & the Mission Lot—on a part of which I wish to put up a fence. The workmen have commenced this day, but will not build the line fence till next week, & before they begin I hope you may be able to visit the grounds, so that you may be satisfied that no mistake is committed.

I rem n Resp y. & truly yrs. R. F. Cadle .

To John Lawe Esq., Present .

Indorsed: "No answer."

[G. L. P., XXVIII: 20.]

AN APPEAL TO GOTHAM.¹

1 In the annual report of the directors of the D. & F. M. Society, presented in October, 1832, and published in the *Proceedings* of the Society for that year (pp. 21 et seq.), the directors say that their “confidence in the individuals to whom the management of the enterprise [the Green Bay mission] has been committed, continues undiminished,” and there is “indisputable evidence * * * that much good has already been accomplished through the instrumentality of this benevolent undertaking;” nevertheless, “during the preceding year, this Mission has been to the Board a cause of painful and unceasing anxiety * * * solely from considerations concerned with the pecuniary concerns of this branch of the Society's operations.” A public meeting of Episcopalians in New York was held in Christ church, in that city, in April, 1831, whereat it was recommended that the Green Bay Mission be taken under the “special and permanent patronage” of the diocese of New York, by supplying the Society “with the necessary funds to carry it on.” The rector of each parish, with laymen, were directed to “solicit subscriptions and donations” for the purpose. Subsequently, the convention of New York, led by Bishop Onderdonk, took steps to make this movement effectual. The meeting here called, was to take part therein.— Ed.

Green Bay Mission .

A special Agent of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society established by the General Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, is now in this city, deputed 460 for the purpose of presenting to the friends of the church *the extreme necessity* of prompt and liberal efforts to sustain the Green Bay Mission, and prevent its *immediate and total failure* . In this emergency the Board of Agents of the Green Bay Mission, in this city, propose to have a meeting of such as are willing to step forward in aid of this important mission, and relieve it from its present *great and perilous embarrassment* , in Christ Church, this evening, (Monday, Oct. 31,) at 7 o'clock, when the Agent will state the actual situation of

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the mission. The attendance of all persons, friendly to the object, is particularly solicited. Great dependence has been placed by the society on the promise given to it of the support of that mission in this diocese. That dependence was fully justified. And it is to be hoped that the friends of the mission in New York will not be backward in meeting the reasonable expectations of the society.

Signed in behalf of the Board of Agents Benjn. T. Onderdonk , chairman.

B. L. Wolley , Secretary pro tem.

New York, Oct. 31, 1831.

[*New York American* , Oct. 31, 1831.]

SHALL THE SOCIETY BE INCORPORATED?

Dec. 28. 1831.

Dear Sir ,—may I submit the subject of the inclosed paper to you, & solicit your opinion in relation to it? It is a copy of an extract of a letter from the Cor. Sec. of the Miss y. Soc y. recd. by the last mail.

Respy . & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle.

Addressed: "H. S. Baird, Esq."

[Enclosed in the foregoing.]

Report to a Comtee. of the Executive Comtee. on the subject of a charter of Incorporation for the Society .

"That they are sensibly struck with the statements of Mr Cadle shewing the necessity of something of the kind. 461 The evil complained of is, the uncertain hold which the

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Institution at Green Bay has upon the Indian children. It seems that after children are received, fed, clothed, & partially instructed, the parents are apt to claim & take them away. This is a state of things not to be endured, for by it the labours & expenditure of the Society may be entirely disappointed. The remedy, as Mr C. supposes, is to be found in our Society having a corporate character, so that the indentures which the parents may enter into with the Society may have a binding force at law. There are two modes of obtaining charters in Pennsylvania. One under a general law through the medium of the supreme court which is out of question here, because under it only citizens of Pennsylvania can be incorporated. The other mode is by direct application to the Legislature, a mode which your Committee in view of failure of somewhat analogous applications do not recommend. Besides no charter granted by our Legislature can have extra-territorial force per se. Of the Michigan Territory laws we are ignorant & can say nothing.

The Committee have at present nothing further to offer than a recommendation that the Rev. Mr C. be written to & be requested to take legal advice in the Territory as to the best plan of avoiding the evil complained of."

[Unbound MSS.]

Dec. 29—

Dear Sir,—I had the pleasure of receiving last evening your observations on a subject laid before you, & am much obliged to you for the ready attention which you have paid to it. May I take the liberty of inquiring, as I myself am very ignorant on these topics, if there would be no inconveniences resulting from the incorporation of the G. B. Mission while the Parent Society is unincorporated? Might not the agents of the Society here, if disposed, act more independently of the home authority than would be proper? Could the just power of the Board at Philadelphia be exercised in the removal of an unworthy Missionary as freely as at present?

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May I also solicit the expression of your opinion on the question—whether the difficulties in the way of giving sufficient power to the Missionary from the circumstance of the non-incorporation of the Missionary Society may not be obviated by causing the children to be indentured to the Superintendent as an *individual* & to his assigns? & whether there is any objection to this course which has been pursued in several instances?

And further, Is there not a penalty attached to the act of inducing indentured children to remove from a Missionary School that is incorporated; which advantage would be wanting in any other mode of removing the difficulties complained of?

Respectfully & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Addressed: "H. S. Baird, Esq., Present."

Indorsed: "R. F. Cadle, Decr. 29, 1831."

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SUBSCRIPTION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Received of H. S. Baird five dollars being the sum affixed to his name on a subscription paper for an Organ belonging to the wardens and Vestry of Christ Church G. B. which subscription paper is lost.

J. V. Suydam .

May 24th 1832

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A NOTE OF REGRETS.

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July 4th. 1832.

Genl n .—I have just recd. the invitation with which you have honoured me. It would have given me great pleasure to have been able to accept it; but I am prevented by sickness in the Miss n. Family, as well as by some other cares.

I remain, Respectf y . Yrs. R. F. Cadle .

Esq s.

Rob t. Irwin Jr

S. C. Stambaugh

Jos. Dickinson

Chas R. Brush.

Chas Tuller

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A DEDUCTION REQUESTED.

Green Bay July 10th. 1832.

Gent m .—I respectf y. make known to you my impressions that it is not unreasonable for some deduction to be allowed by you from the amount promised to be paid, in consequence of the failure to complete the attached building of 80 ft by 20 ft before last winter. As an individ l. I am not interested in this matter, but as I am act g. for the Genl. Miss y. Soc y. of the P. E. Church, I may hereafter be censured if I should not urge this subject on your consideration. I am constrained to believe that the Miss n. Schl. sustained

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some injury by reason of the want of accommodations; & certainly the Miss n. Family were subject d. from that cause to no little inconvenience. It was my desire to retire from the service in which I am now engaged before the conclus n. of the contract of June 1831, & I was anxious that a portion of the Build gs. should be finished before last winter, so that together with the trouble connected with the erection of additional buildings, I might have the gratification of seeing the extension of the Boar dg. Sch l. before my departure. But for this hope, I should, I think, have hesitated about entering into a build g. agreement. And this agreement was hastened as much as possible by myself, in order that opportunity might be afforded to one of the contractors to proceed to the Riv. St Clair for lumber, of which a deficiency was apprehended. At the same time I candidly acknowledge that the passage way connect g. the two attached build gs is better executed & that the cupola is more expensively & beautifully finished than I had expected; & that in general your work has been most satisfactorily performed.

I proceed to state my opinion respecting the amount to be deducted after a considerat n. of all circumstances; viz, in my judgment it ought to be a hundred dollars. If this opinion should not be approved of, I am will g. to submit the question to almost any person immediately & to abide by his decision.

Respectf y. submitt d. R. F. Cadle .

Messrs. Geo. M. Williams and John Smith .

[G. L. P., XXIX: 69.]

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MORE TIME WANTED.

Green Bay Sept r 20th 1832.

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Dear Sir ,—if by reason of present pecuniary difficulties pressing upon this Mission you should be disposed to indulge me with a longer period for the settlement of the accts. between us, it would be a great obligation; & in such a case I readily engage to delay no longer than is absolutely necessary. It is my purpose to write by the next mail to the Executive Committee, & to solicit from them immediate information whether I can safely draw for the amt. of yr account; & should you be pleased to wait until an answer can reach me from Philadelphia you would confer upon me no ordinary favour.

I remain, With respect &c yrs, R. F. Cadle .

John Law Esq.

[Unbound MSS.]

A BLACK HAWK WAR WAIF.

Green Bay Feb r . 22 d . 1833.

Dear Sir ,—the following is a copy of the letter of Col. Stambaugh to me in relation to the little Sac girl whom he placed in the school under my care.¹ I have understood that it was supposed that both her father & mother were dead. It would be very gratifying to me if she could be permitted to remain at this Mission until Col. S.'s consent to her removal should be given, as he felt so much interest in her as to adopt her, & expressed the hope of seeing her at this school on his return from Arkansas. She will receive here the kindest care; and unless actually demanded by her relatives may perhaps be allowed to remain for a

¹ Col. S. C. Stambaugh, former Indian agent at Green Bay, headed a belated mixed expedition of Menomonees and whites against the Sacs under Black Hawk, in the summer of 1832. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xii, pp. 266 et seq.— Ed.

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465 short period at least. I should feel under great obligations to you, if the favour now solicited could be granted,

I remain Respectf y. & truly Your's, Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd. U. S. Ind. Agent at Green Bay .

(*Copy .*)

" Green Bay , Sept. 3rd. 1832.

" Dear Sir ,—in accordance with the understanding had "between us in private conversation, I send you the little "Sac girl taken prisoner by the Menominees on our late "expedition, and presented by the chiefs to me. I have "adopted & named her after my wife —Anna Stambaugh.

"I feel an entire assurance, in placing this little orphan "under your care, that I not only secure for her an attentive "& able moral & intellectual Preceptor, but also a kind "guardian, who will watch and direct her conduct with "parental solicitude. The circumstances under which she "was taken prisoner give Genl. Scott, now commanding "the U. S. Army on this frontier, the power of demanding "her as a prisoner of War: and should he make such a "demand, after being informed of how she is now situated, "(which I cannot believe he will do) you will, of course, "surrender her into the hands of the Indian Agent here, "Col. Boyd, who will, I presume, be authorized to receive "& send her to the Commanding General. *But on no other "demand* will you permit her to leave the Mission, until "she is returned to me.

"A letter from the Secretary of War, announcing my "appointment to a post remote from this place, obliges me "to go down the Lakes in the vessel now in port. I may "perhaps be absent eighteen months or two years, I will "pay to the Mission your price, *Thirty Dollars a year* , "while she remains. Col. Boyd has kindly offered to "extend to her all the favour

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& charity on behalf of the "Government, which his duties as the official guardian of the 30 466 "Indians of this region will permit. I will advise with & "instruct him respecting her clothing & other matters "connected with her establishment at your school: and you "can draw upon him or Col. Robert Irwin, my agents, for "the amount of her tuition & boarding for one year, at the "end of six months.

"I am, dear Sir, in "great haste, with much "respect & esteem, "truly yr friend & obed t. serv t. "(signed) S. C. Stambaugh

" *Rev. R. F. Cadle* .

" *Supt. F. & D. Miss n. Soc.*."

"P. S. If the terms I propose are satisfactory to you, "please inform me.

"(signed) S. C. S."

[Boyd, IV: 66.]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOVERNMENT AID.

Feb. 26th. 1833.

Dear Sir,—i have just received your communications, & feel greatly indebted to you. I prepared yesterday a short statem t. of the amt. of aid recd. by this Miss n. from the Genl. Govt. which I am this day engaged in copying in order to be submitted to you.¹ I will call and shew it to you to morrow.

¹ During the fiscal year ending Oct. 13, 1832, the D. & F. M. Society had received for the Green Bay mission, \$2,000 from the general government; aid from New York state amounting to \$4,399.53, and from other sources \$611. 14.— Ed.

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Respectfy. & truly Yours, R. F. Cadle .

Col. Geo. Boyd .

[Boyd, IV: 67.]

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A DEATH IN THE SCHOOL.

March 21 st . 1833.

Dear Sir ,—I regret that a death has lately occurred at the Mission. The child that has recently died was the son Of Mr. Gardepier of this settlement. I was not apprehensive of danger until about a day before the fatal termination of his sickness. I think it will be necessary to bury him this afternoon: his funeral will take place this day at 3 oclock P. M. The travelling is so bad that I can hardly request your attendance, tho' it would be gratifying.

I am Respect y . & truly yrs, Rich d . F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd.

[Boyd, IV: 69.]

A TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

March 22 d . 1833.

Dear Sir,—I have so far complied with the request of Mr. Ellis as to prepare a rough draught of a constit n . for a Temperance & Reform Soc y . but, previously to sending it to him, I am anxious to submit it to you. Will you do me the favour of reading it & expressing

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your views respecting it? I should be happy to know what alterations or additions you would approve of. I will not give you the trouble of writing but will call in a short time.

Respectf y . & truly Your's, Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd.

[Boyd, IV: 70.]

CAPTIOUS CRITICISM OF CADLE.

April 27 th . 1833.

Dear Sir ,—I return the books which you lent to me & am much indebted to you for their use.

I have understood that my presence at the Indian Council held at the Agency in July 1831 & signing my name as a witness have been objected to. Previously to my receiving such information, I had not a thought that I acted improperly 468 properly in so doing. Would you be willing to give me a statement in writing of your understanding of the matter signed; & of Col. Stambaugh's views, if you recollect hearing them expressed, in inviting me to attend? Such a statement, with permission to use it, I should regard as a very great favour.

I am Respectfy. & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Addressed: "Henry S. Baird, Esq., Present."

[Unbound MSS.]

WHAT BAIRD THINKS OF IT. [Baird's draft of his reply.]

Dear Sir ,—I received your note of the 27th inst. and owe you an apology for having so long delayed an answer to it.

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You inform me that “your presence at the indian council held at the Agency house in July 1831 & signing your name as a witness have been objected to”—and ask “I would be willing to give you a statement in writing of my understanding of the matter signed; & of Col. Stambaugh's views, if I heard them expressed, in inviting you to attend”—

With cheerfulness i comply with your request and give you all the information within my knowledge relative to the matter. On the day previous to the council, Col. Stambaugh sent by his interpreter a general invitation to the citizens of the Bay, to attend the council on the following day. Such invitations are at all time customary at Indian councils—On the occasion alluded to, special invitations were sent to several of Col. S's friends—I believe you received one. At the council most of the citizens several officers of the Army attended; many from motives of curiosity—few or none at all from interest or feelings unfriendly to either of the parties concerned in a long existing controversy—having received an invitation I attended. Upon the opening of the council Col. S. addressed the indians upon matters relative to their treaty with the 469 government—And after an answer thereto from the menominee chiefs, an instrument was presented to, and signed by, them, which was witnessed by all or most of the citizens present—I heard the paper read, but do not now recollect what were its contents—I believe, however, that it was an assent, on the part of the Menominees to certain modifications & additions made to the treaty between them the Gov. of the U. S. & the N. Y. Indians. This was the view which I entertained at the time & still do of that instrument—If there was any other matter contained therein, I am not aware of it—With regard to Col. S's. views in inviting you to attend the council—I considered it as a mark of respect, in addition to which I would remark that he in his speech to the indians made an allusion to the Green Bay mission of which you were superintendent — & recommended to the Menominee Indians to send their children to it, for instruction and education—I am under the impression, that Col. S. also made a remark, in my presence, either previous to or at the council that he wished you to be present, as he had addressed or wished to address the indians relative to the mission school—

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I cannot conceive how any person can think there was any impropriety in your attending the council—It has at all times been customary for all citizens to attend similar conventions. That there was any intention of enlisting the feelings of the spectators in favor of either tribe, I am not aware; I attended under no such impression—And I do not hesitate to assert, that your motive in attending, was of the most disinterested nature. Any person entertaining views unfavorable to you, or objecting to your presence, on that day, must be actuated by unfriendly feelings and entirely ignorant of your character & conduct.—If the practice of every moral & religious duty—and an upright & impartial deportment, should exempt a man from the tongue of calumny & detraction, I believe you should be clear of its effects. It affords me much pleasure in bearing witness to your impartial conduct, since my acquaintance with you—I presume that any thing which 470 I can say will be of little benefit to *you* . Should you deem however, this statement of any avail you are at perfect liberty to use *it in any way you may deem proper* . In conclusion, Dear Sir, to remark, that I much regret to hear your determination to withdraw from the superintendence of the G. B. mission. That institution which you have so long managed with so much satisfaction to the inhabitants, will severely feel your loss—I sincerely believe that every citizen will deeply regret your departure from amongst us—and all unite in fervent hopes for your temporal welfare & eternal happiness. Believe me, Sir, with much esteem & respect your sincere friend. H. S. B.

[Unbound MSS.]

TO LAWE.

May 20th, 1833.

Dear Sir ,—May I take the liberty of writing a few lines to you on the subject respecting which I conversed with you a short time ago; viz, the exertion of your influence to induce the parents of the children now at the Mission to be satisfied with the continuance of their children at this school after my departure from it? Another Superintend t . will no

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doubt be appointed this summer; & no change has taken place in the management of the school, which is still under the direction of the Gen l . Miss y . Soc y . of the P. E. Church. The Bishop of New York has recommended this Mission recently to the patronage of that Diocese, & my solicitude respect g . its pecuniary difficulties has been latterly much relieved. I withdraw from the superintendence from perfect exhaustion by its many cares & perplexities, & from the expediency of my publicly defending it from the secret accusations of a few unprincipled men. When I shall be separated from it, I can speak & write moro plainly & more regardless of consequences which will then affect myself alone. I should be happy to make any arrangement in my power that would meet the views & wishes of the parents that have committed their children to this 471 school, whom I have sought to satisfy by attention to the health, improvement & comfort of their children dur g . the period of my residence at Green Bay. These objects I will provide for before my retirement from the Mission. I feel greatly interested in its prosperity, & should deeply lament if my withdrawal from it proved the slightest occasion of injury to it. On my own account I am anxious that no children should be removed; and if, as opportunity may be given, you would use your influence to prevail upon their parents to allow them to remain, you would confer upon me a great favour.

I remain Respectf y . & truly your's Rich d F. Cadle .

Hon. John Lawe. Present .

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REASONS FOR RESIGNING.

May 27 th . 1833.

(*Private .*)

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Dear Sir ,—Unless I should receive this week very unexpected intelligence & such as would absolutely constrain me to continue at the Mission, I propose to retire from it on the 1 st of June next, on which day four years of service will have been completed by me.¹ I regret to be under the necessity of leaving this school before the arrival of another superintendent; but I have sought to procure the appointment of one—and it has at length become necessary for me to vindicate the Mission and myself publicly, & in order to do so without restraint I think that I must leave it. Reparation is due to me from New York, & while such is the case I do not feel able to act as Sup t . I am also invincibly reluctant to contract any further pecuniary obligations, & greatly desirous of obtaining a station where I shall not be exposed to the unjust attacks to which I have

¹ See *ante*, p. 412, note, showing that he had sent to the D. & F. M. Society a letter of resignation dated June 16, 1832, but had been induced to continue.— Ed.

472 been subjected. I am under many obligations to you for your kindness to myself, & your interest in the welfare of this school; and now respectfully & earnestly solicit continuance of your good offices in its behalf. I am deeply grateful for the aid extended to this Mission by the War Dep t . in its time of want & danger. For what you was pleased to write to Mr. Herring¹ with regard to my remaining at the Mission I am thankful; but the ordinary cares anxieties of overseeing it, in addition to the considerations mentioned above, induce in me a strong desire for a removal from it. At the first opportunity that offers I will shew you the necessity of my appearing before the public & of exhibiting the true character of the Rev. Eleazer Williams, of whose injuries to myself & the Mission I have convincing proof.² If redress should be given to me soon: I have written to D r Rudd that I should be content that my letters be not published. And did I not hope to receive reparation from N. Y. I should be compelled to seek it at the hands of a civil tribunal. I shall request the Editor of the Gospel Messenger (D r Rudd) to send a copy of each number containing my letters, in the event of their publication, to the Sec y . of War, to whom on private & public accounts I feel bound to submit my answer to what has been said to the prejudice of this Mission. I hope he will not think I have taken too great a liberty. May I enquire if

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I can procure at the Agency a copy of Col. Stambaugh's address to the Menominees July 18th 1831? As some prejudice has been excited against me in consequence of my tending at his request at the Agency on that day, and as subsequently wrote in terms of commendation of particular passages in his address, I should be grateful to obtain copy in order to the justification of my expressions of praise. Those expressions I should repeat if necessary for undoubtedly the advice he gave to the Indians, to which I referred, was most salutary. Further—This Mission was

1 E. Herring, commissioner of Indian affairs.— Ed.

2 See *ante*, p. 424, for Dr. Kemper's opinion of Williams.— Ed.

473 designed peculiarly for the benefit of the Menominees, and I have exerted myself considerably to prevail on them to send their children to it for instruction. On the eve of leaving it, it would be some satisfaction to me to have their testimony respecting the manner in which I have discharged my duties to them. And now having finished writing what relates to my public affairs, allow me to thank you for your hospitable offer to my sister & myself. If we are not at liberty to avail ourselves of it, we are truly sensible of the kindness which dictated it. I could be no where else more happy: but I may remain at Green Bay for several weeks, & hence I cannot think of troubling you. Possibly I may leave it in a week or two, but probably I shall stay for a longer time, & until I can form some plan for the future. But while I linger here, it will afford me the greatest gratification to visit you as frequently as shall be in my power. I will call on you this week to converse with you on the topics of the former part of this letter.

I am Respectf y . & truly your's, Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd, Agency House .

[Boyd, IV: 72.]

LACK OF INDIAN APPRECIATION.

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Green Bay June 18th . 1833.

Dear Sir ,—Will you excuse my asking at this time the great favour (for the welfare of this institution is an object deeply interesting to me) of your recommendation, to such an extent as your judgment may approve of & in such a manner as you may deem most expedient, of this school to the Menominees who will be assembled here on the 20th . inst.? Would not his Exc y . Gov. Porter be willing to advise them to send their children to it for instruction? When I think of the large donations of the War Dep t . to this establishment, I cannot but regret that so few full-blood Menominee children have been committed to it. A good 474 opportunity will soon be presented for directing the attention of the people of this Tribe to this subject; & my gratitude would be great if, not thinking my request to be unreasonable, you could comply with it.

I remain Respectf y . & truly, Yours, Rich d . F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd, U. S. I. A. at G. B .

P. S. The Gov r . mentioned to me yesterday that he would attend the examination of the Miss n . school. I should feel much honoured if you should be able to be present at it—It will commence at 9 o'clock this morning.

Resp y . & truly yrs.

R. F. C.

[Boyd, IV: 73.]

AID FROM WAR DEPARTMENT. (*Private* .)

G. B. July 14th 1833.

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Dear Sir ,—I write a few lines hastily to you, expect g . to leave to morrow morn g . in the Steam Boat. Accept my cordial thinks for all yr kindness. May I particularly request you will visit the Miss n . as often as you can in my absence, & may I commend my sister to your care? If from any cause she should find the Miss n . House an unpleas t . residence, would you do me the great favour to receive her as one of yr family till my return? I write this without consulting her. I am in hopes of return g . in Sept r .

In a letter of the Sec y . of the Miss n . Soc y . dated June 12 th . last is the follow g . sentence—"Mr. N." (Nicklin) "had "several interviews with Sec y . Cass & succeeded in procuring "\$1500. with the promise of more so soon as certificate "of the expense of the Soc y . incurred by the erection "of addit l . build gs . in /31 & /32. shall have been rec d . "by the War Dep t . from the Ind. Agent at G. B." I have taken the liberty of copying the foregoing as I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you again, & I submit it with the greatest respect. May I not indulge the hope of hearing from you while I am absent? Should you ever write 475 will you please direct to the care of Rev. M r . Van Pelt¹ Philad a .? I will transmit to you a copy of the expenses of build g . from Detroit if possible. I regret that I cannot wait upon Black Hawk.² Be pleased to remember me to Mrs & Miss Boyd, to whom I now bid farewell & to all your family. Excuse this letter, & believe me

¹ See *ante*, p. 295, note 2.

² In April, 1833, Black Hawk and his fellow prisoners were taken from Jefferson Barracks (St. Louis) to Washington, thence to Fortress Monroe, where they were incarcerated until June 4; a tour was then made through the eastern cities, the party returning to Fort Armstrong (Rock Island) Aug. 1.—Ed.

Very Respectf y . & truly Your's Rich d . F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd .

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[Boyd, IV: 74.]

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES. *Mission Buildings Erected in 1830 .*

A mission house of 40 ft by 30 ft. 2 stories high, with an attached building of 30 ft. by 18 ft., 17 1–2 stories high: a school house of 30 ft. by 20 ft. 1 story high. Log stable—drain—2 out-houses—well & scuttle work.

Particulars.

Digging cellar and drain \$40.00

Laying foundation of Mission H. & piers of school & wall [& cellar 221.00

Contract for carpenter work of Mission H. & back buildings 2000.00

" " " school 320.00

For 19000 bricks 111.66

Plastering Mission building 437.85

Addition stone—counting bricks—laying addition piers—laying hearths—& laying bricks 115.10

preparing stone for chimney of schoolhouse 1.50

Extra work before completion of carpenter contracts

viz, 3 inside doors—a stoop of 30 ft. by 5½ ft.

partition around stairs of 2d floor of back buildings

a garret stairs—2 garret windows. 1 addition window in school h. 66.50

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Board g round piers of school house 3.00

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Boxes for drain 12.50

Garret floor 13.00

coiling round the garret 8.00

2 out-houses 18.00

Shelving 5 closets 5.00

Finishing 1 pantry 2.00

Permanent desks and benches for schoolhouse 30.00

Drawing bricks 24.00

Log stable 15.00

Iron \$5. \$4.93. \$1.31. \$10.35. 21.59

Making 11 bars 2.00

well 19.50

Scuttle work—applied in 1831 3.50

\$3490.70

Mission Buildings erected in 1831–2 .

Barn & Shed—former 40 ft. by 30 ft. latter 30 ft. by 20 ft. \$400.00

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Baking & washing House—30 ft. by 20 ft.—1 story high—according to contract, including some appurtenances for baking & washing, \$393.50: 2 extra windows \$5.00: crane 81 cents, 399.31

Mission House 50 ft. by 30 ft., 2 stories high, with a back building 80 ft. by 2 stories high—piazza & washroom, 4400.00

Drain 39.07

New well—platform for first well—& 2 out-houses 84.86

School house of 30 ft. by 20 ft. 321.67

\$5644.91

75 rods board fence & 6 gates, 125.50

Fence of Burying ground 36.00

Val. of 136 acres, or about that n o, of lot N o. 18, quit-claimed by Mr. Porlier 400.00

\$6206.41

Improvements of 1830 3490.70

\$9697.11

New York Aug t 3 d 1833.

Dear Sir ,—The foregoing is, according to the best of my knowledge an accurate statement of the expenditures of the D. & F. Miss y . soc. of the P. E. Ch. at Green Bay in land, buildings & improvements.

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Respectf y . submitt d . Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. Geo. Boyd, U. S. I. A. at G. B .

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL MISSION BUILDINGS AT GREEN BAY. Facsimile from *Proceedings of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society* , 1832. The buildings are therein described (p. 25): "a family mansion 90 feet in length, 30 feet in breadth, and two stories in height: an attached building at the northeastern extremity of this house, 30 feet long, 18 feet wide, and one a half stories high; another attached building at the south eastern extremity, running parallel with the one just mentioned, 80 feet long, 20 feet wide, and one story high; a school-house for boys, 30 feet by 20, and one story high; another fro girls, of the same dimensions; a barn 40 feet long, and 30 feet wide, to which is attached a shed of 30 feet by 20 feet; and lastly a house 30 feet in length, 20 feet in breadth, and one story in height, divided into two rooms, to be appropriated for the purposes of washing and baking. The cost of these edifices is \$8, 940.97."

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(Private.)

N. Y. Aug. 3 d 1833.

Dear Sir ,—I hope that yourself and family have been well since I had the pleasure of seeing you. My mother's family I had the gratification of finding in good health. At last I have prepared a statement of the build g . expenses at G. B. I had thought of doing it at Detroit, but I could not conveniently make the copy till my arrival in N. Y. I reached this place yesterday morning, & have not as yet made any calls. On the 6th inst I expect to go to Philad a . At detroit I saw the Gov. I think it is probable that I shall set out on my return to G. B. in the course of this month. As yet I have formed no plans for my future course, but will doubtless make some arrangements after a conference with the com:—I hope

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that you will be able to visit my sister sometimes. Be pleased to give my respects to M rs .
Boyd—to Miss Boyd—Mr. William & all your family.

I remain, Respect fy . & truly yrs. Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd, G. B .

Addressed: "Col. George Boyd, U. S. Ind. Agent at Green Bay, M. T." [Unbound MSS.]

[Letter mutilated; probable words or parts of words missing, in brackets,]

Philadelphia Aug . 9 th . 1833.

Dear Sir ,—I took the liberty of forwarding to you from N. Y. on the 3 d inst. a statement of the expenditures of the D. & F. Miss y . Soc y . of the P. E. Ch: at Green Bay on account of Buildings and improvements amounting [to] \$9697.11. Since my arrival here [I hav]e under[st]ood that the War Dep t . will not [take] into [consi]deration the sum pd for the claim [of Mr.] Porlier being \$400.00, nor for fences being \$161.50. The whole amount therefore paid by the Miss y . So[c y . for bu]ildings [is] \$9135.61: viz, \$3490.70 for the first Mis[s n . bui]ldings—and \$5644.91 for the buildings of 1831 & 1[832.] The items of these accounts will 478 soon be in your hands; & for all of them I obtained receipts from the contractors, which receipts are now in the possession of the Exec: Com. Your certificate with regard to the buildings of 1831 & 1832 is, I believe, especially requested by the Com: and if my assurance as to those expenditures is of any avail I hereby give it. Additional assurance might be procured at G. B. if requisite: for instance the contract for the Mission H. for \$4400.00 was made with M c Williams & Smith, both of whom are at the Bay—for the Barn & Shed for \$400.00 with W. Dickinson—for the Baking & washing House for \$393.50 with the Mess rs Irwins—for 2 extra windows with do—for a crane = 81 cents, I think, with the Mess rs Irwins—for schoolhouse for \$321.67 with D. Whitney, being part of sum pd him—for chain for \$39.07—viz \$10.00 to L. Boudoin Oct. 12, 1831—to do \$6.00 Dec. 3. 1831—to D. Whitney for plank \$8.82 March 21.1832—for one load of stone \$1.25

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and making boxes hauling planks \$10.00 to Messrs Irwins Feb. 4. 1832—and \$8.00 to D. Whitney May 17. 1832 for 3 perches of stone—for new well, 2 platforms, & outhouse paid Messrs Irwins Aug. 10. 1832 \$73.26—for another outhouse \$11.60 paid to E. Hart Aug. 6. 1831.

For [all of t]hese sums I have long since certifi[ed] & indeed [sum torn out] in addition, the value of 2 caldrons perm[anently] fixed in the Wash House; but which are n[ot in]cluded in the statement given [to] you, [but are re]ported to the Missy . Socy . under the [head] of merchandise. If you should feel at lib[erty] to give [a] certificate respecting the buildings [as] above described, the interests of the Mission would be promoted, & the Socy . would, I am confident, be under great obligations to you. Mr Nicklin, who has acted for the Socy . at Washington, will sail for England on the 20th of next month; & were it possible for your certificate, should you favour the Com: with one, to reach Washington previously, I believe that there would be no delay on the part of the War Dep t . to grant to the Missy . Socy . a considerable allowance on the account of the expenses of buildings. With great thankfulness for all past kindnesses, and with my respects to Mrs Boyd, to Miss Boyd, & all your family

I remain, Respectf y . & truly your's, Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd, U. S. I. A. at G. B .

[Boyd, IV: 75.]

A DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

Dec. 18th , 1833.

Dear Sir ,—Having omitted giving notice on Sunday last of the appointment of a day of Thanksgiving, I take the liberty of writing that there will be morning service to morrow at

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the Mission School house—that being the day apart by the civil authority of the Territory as a day of Thanksgiving.

On Monday next, the 23^d. inst. there will be an examination of the Mission School commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M: & if yourself & family can conveniently attend, I should feel under great obligations to you.

I am Respectf y . & truly Yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd .

[Boyd, IV: 78.]

TO BAIRD.

Green Bay Jan y . 14th . 1834.

Dear Sir ,—I write this private note to solicit that, in case you should not be pledged otherwise, you would undertake my defence or that of this Mission in the event of public defence being necessary.¹

¹ See *ante*, p. 419, note 3, for statement of the violent attack on Cadle, made by enemies of the mission because of the whipping and hair-cropping by his assistants, the night of Dec. 24, 1833, of eleven of the pupils who had been riotous. This incident gave rise to a long and bitter controversy, which greatly injured the mission.— Ed.

I remain Respectf y . & truly Your's, Rich d F. Cadle .

Henry S. Baird Esq. Present

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Jany. 20./34.

Dear Sir ,—May I trouble you with the inquiry as to the powers given by the statutes of the Terry. or the Common Law to masters of apprentices & Teachers of children? If in the kind or degree of punishment lately authorized by me I have exceeded just limits, I must be content to bear the reproach; but if I have not, it is right that the reproach should rest elsewhere. I wish to attach yr opinion on this subject to a report to the Soc y. which report may possibly be published by them. Excuse me for the trouble which I am asking at your hands.

I am Resp y. & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

H. S. *Baird Esq* .

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CALLED TO RECTORSHIP OF TRINITY. *Trinity Church* .

The services of the Episcopal Church, have been performed in this Village, with slight intermissions, once on each Lord's day, by the Superintendent of the Green Bay Mission School, for nearly a year. About two months since, a Congregation was organized here, under the above name, and Wardens and Vestrymen chosen.

The Executive Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church of the U.S. was applied to in August last, for aid in the ministration of the Gospel, and in reply, passed a resolution constituting varino one of their Missionary stations, and appropriating \$250 for the support of the Missionary for the first year: in addition to which, a sum amounting to nearly \$220 was raised for the support of such Missionary, by private subscriptions in this Village. No Missionary having yet been appointed for this station by the Committee, the following Resolution was passed at a late Meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen.

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“ Resolved , That the thanks of the Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, Navarino, be respectfully 481 presented to the Rev. Rich'd F. Cadle for his gratuitous services to this congregation for the past season, and that he be invited to take the Rectorship of said Church.”

[Green Bay *Intelligencer* , Jan. 22, 1834.]

ASSISTANCE ACKNOWLEDGED.

The undersigned thankfully acknowledges the payment of the following sums, in order to the reduction of the Tax of the Green Bay Mission.

Rich'd F. Cadle , Superintend't.

Green Bay Jan. 27, 1834.

D. Whitney Six dollars.

L. Groom Five "

J. M'Carty Two "

J. W. Conroe Two "

H. Minuse Two "

J. Lawe Three "

H. S. Baird One "

J. Redline One "

C. M'Williams One "

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D. Ward One "

Mr. Eberts One "

Mr. Caldwell Twentyfive cents.

Mr. Matthews Fifty cents.

N. Perry Fifty cents.

[*Intelligencer* , Feb. 5, 1834.]

BAIRD'S INFLUENCE SOUGHT.

Green Bay , Feby. 3d. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—I expect to retire from all care of the Mission on Wednesday next, the 5th inst. at 11 o'clock A. M., and I am desirous of stating to such of my friends as may favour me with their attendance at the Mission at that time the reasons which have led me to such a course. I would be be very happy if it should be in your power & in that of your father to be present. I am greatly indebted to you 31 482 for the letter with which you recently favoured me in answer to a note of inquiry on my part. May I solicit another favour? It is that you would act as legal advisor of the Mission during the period of my sister's remaining in that establishment & until the arrival of a Sup t . Some efforts will perhaps be made by the evil-disposed to remove children boarding at the Mission. You have influence with the French inhabitants, and when influence will avail it is a better instrument to employ than authority & power. If there should arise cases rendering a resort to legal measures probable, may I request that the indentures be well examined previously? I am aware that I am asking you to undertake an office that may be something troublesome, but I trust that you will not refuse my request. May I be allowed further to say that I have the fullest confidence that

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the Exec. Com will render satisfactory compensation for any trouble, to which you may in consequence be subjected?

I remain Respectfully & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Addressed: "Henry S. Baird, Esq., Present."

Indorsed: "R. F. Cadle, 3 Feby, 1834."

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COMPLAINT OF ILLEGAL TREATMENT. (*Confidential* .)

Feb. 27. 1834.

Dear Sir ,— *I wrote sometime ago to the Governor respecting the illegal treatment received by me & soliciting from him such reparation as was in his power to give to me .*

A copy of this letter I will shew you by the first convenient opportunity.

I think it proper to communicate this fact to you, while I request that it may not be mentioned by you.

I remain Respectfully & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd .

[Boyd, IV: 82.]

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TO BAIRD.

G. B. March 7th. 1834.

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Dear Sir ,—Accompanying this note by the hands of Mr Groom is a report of the Proceedings before Lewis [Louis] Grignon. I should be deeply indebted to you, if after examining it, you would certify (in such terms as you think proper) that it is a substantially accurate report.

May I consult you on the propriety of obtaining affidavits from the assistants contradicting the false statements in the last number of the *Intelligencer*?—& also whether, if the statements¹ can be proved to be false, I could not prosecute the writer for slander—& if I can whether it would be expedient to do so? I do not wish to trouble you to prepare a written communication on these points; but I should be much obliged to you to consider them; & should you be in this neighbourhood within a few days, if you would verbally give me your opinion it would be a great favour.

¹ A communication in the *Intelligencer* for March 5, signed “Orion,” and dated “Navarino, Feb. 25, 1834.” See *ante*, p. 419, note 3.— Ed.

I am Respectfully & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Addressed: “Henry S. Baird Esq., Present.”

[Unbound MSS.]

March 15th. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—it was my intention when I saw you yesterday to publish an extended article in the *Intelligencer*, & hence I took the liberty of troubling you to call on me. I have for a reason, which I will disclose to you, concluded to defer the publication of it at this place at least for the present. I have however prepared a short note for publication. I write these few lines in explanation of my not acting as I gave you reason to expect I would act; & at an early convenient time I will mention the cause which has led me to delay the publication of my reply.

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I am Respectf y . & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Addressed: "H. S. Baird Esq., Present."

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TO BOYD.

G. B. March 15th. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—After the trouble which you took on my account yesterday, I feel bound to mention to you before my departure for the Grand Kakalin the course which I have decided on pursuing. I have restrained my strongest feelings & kept back the extended vindication of the Mission which I had prepared. But something seemed to be required of me at this present time: & I have just sent to Mr. Ellis a brief note for publication.¹ This note is to the follow g . effect. I promise in due time to prove the author signed Orion a calumniator; & state that I have asked of the Soc y . the benefit of a trial; request g . them to deal with me accord g . to the rigour of the ecclesiastical laws to which I am subject if the charges of Orion should be substantially proved to be true, or, if shewn to be false, that they will publish his name as a slanderer. This is the substance of my note for the *Intelligencer*.

¹ Published in the *Intelligencer* for March 19. See *ante*, p. 420.— Ed.

I am Respectf y . and truly Yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd .

[Boyd, IV: 83.]

Monday March 31st. 1834

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Dear Sir ,— I received a note from you yesterday on my return from Duck Creek, and will attend to it this day. Excuse me for having neglected the matter to which it refers.

It seems to me desirable that the corporation of Christ Church Menomineeville should not become extinct; and as this is the day appointed by its constitution for the election of officers I have thought it expedient to give notice that there will be a meeting for such purpose at my room 485 at 10 o'clock P.M. this day. Should it be in your power to be present, I should be greatly gratified.¹

¹ A similar note to Baird is in possession of the Society.— Ed.

Respectf y. & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd .

[Boyd, IV: 86.]

CADLE'S SELF-SACRIFICE.

Miss. Rooms, Philada 15th July 1834

Messrs. Boyd Baird & Irwin

Gentlemen ,—Your communication of the 20 th Ultim o . was duly received and laid before the Exec. Com: with all possible despatch

At a meeting of that body held on the 14 th Inst. the following minute was unanimously adopted

“Whereas The Revr d . Mr Cadle did by letter, dated January 15th 1833 in consideration of the peculiar embarissments of the Green Bay Mission at that time, relinquish to the Society, for the benefit of that Mission, his salary due from the 1 st. of June 1832 to

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the above date. viz the sum of \$250 and also his claim upon the Soc. for \$278.36 as a donation. And whereas he also stated to the Exec. Com: at, or about that time, that it was his wish not to receive any thing further for whatever services it might be in his power to render to the mission, & in agreement with which wish he has not drawn for any Salary from the above date of June 1832.—And Whereas the Exec. Com. by a resolution adopted in March 1833 declined the acceptance of the Revr d. Mr Cadle's donation & requested him to draw at that time for the sum of \$528.36½ which he has not done: and whereas there appears to be due the Revr d. Mr. Cadle, for Salary from July 15 th. 1833 to June the 1 st. 1834—the time of his resignation the additional sum of \$550.

Resolved. That The Revr d. M r Cadle. in consideration of the facts stated in a communication of June 20 th 1834 from Col n. G. Boyd, Henry S. Baird & Alex r. J. Irvine a committee of Christ Church Green Bay *Ought* to draw upon 486 the Treasurer of the Society for at least the whole amount of his Salary viz. for \$800., which he is hereby authorised to do. The aforesaid sum of \$278.36 being of itself a liberal donation from Mr Cadle to this Mission.”

I have this day written to Mr Cadle requesting him to gratify the Exec: Corn. by acting without delay in accordance with their opinion & wishes as above expressed.

Very Respec y . Peter Van Pelt Sec: Messrs.

Messrs. Boyd, Baird & Irwin Com: of the Wardens & Vestry of Christ Ch. Gr. Bay

[Boyd, IV: 90.]

TO MEET MILNOR AND KEMPER.

July 17th. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—Will you please excuse my sister & myself this day, as we are not at liberty? The Gent m. arrived at the Mission are the Rev. Dr. Milnor & the Rev. Dr. Kemper—who are

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distinguished, able & excellent men. I hope it will be in your power to call on them. They will stay several days—I will visit Duck Creek.¹

¹ The D. & F. M. Society conducted another mission there.— Ed.

Yrs Resp y. & truly R.F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd

[Boyd, IV: 91.]

AN INVITATION ACCEPTED.

July 24. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—it will give the Rev. Dr. Milnor & the Rev. Dr. Kemper great pleasure to accept the invitation to your house to morrow,— if — in consequence of an engagement previously made to visit the Grand Kakalin on that day—they could take the liberty of asking you to appoint the hour of dinner at 1 o'clock.² My sister & myself will be very happy to accompany them.

² See *ante*, p. 415.— Ed.

With great respect & truth, I am Yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Col. Boyd .

[Boyd, IV: 92.]

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GOVERNMENT AID ASSURED.

Department of War Office Indian Affairs .

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July 28. 1834.

Sir,—your letter of the 30th Ult: has been received. The provision made for the education of the New York Indians, in the treaty with the Chippewas Menomonees and Winnebagoes of 11th of August 1827, appears to be sufficient to render an application of a part of the Civilisation Fund for this object unnecessary.

The 5th Article of that treaty provides, that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars shall be annually thereafter appropriated as long as Congress thinks proper, for the education of the children of the tribes, parties hereto, and of the New York Indians.

It is true that the 5th Article of the treaty with the Menemonees of 8th Feby. 1834 provides for an addition to this annuity of Five hundred dollars, and for the application of the whole sum to the education of the children of the Menomonee Indians. As the Chippewas, Winnebagoes & New York Indians were not parties to this treaty, no construction can be given to this provision, which shall deprive them of the benefits, conferred by the treaty of Butte des Mortes.

In selecting children therefore, to be educated at M r. Cadles School, under the letter from this office of inst, and whose education is to be charged upon the annuity of Fifteen hundred dollars for this year, you will be at liberty to take children of either and all the tribes or bands. The object of the Oneida petition will probably be satisfactorily accomplished in this way.

The rule of distribution in ordinary cases would be the ratio of the numbers of those tribes. But you will consider that the Menomonees the last year received the exclusive benefit of this fund.

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As the schools are to be supported in the Nation, after the present year, it is desirable that the annuity should be 488 regarded and used as a common fund. It will thus become a source of common interests and views.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt W. Ward For E. Herring , Com.

Col George Boyd, Green Bay M. Ty .

[Boyd, IV: 93.]

A PAMPHLET ATTACK.

Duck Creek Aug. 25 th. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—i have just heard from my sister that the pamphlet of Jos. Dickinson has been published. I have not seen it; but may I earnestly ask you to examine it closely, so as to inform me on my arrival at Green Bay whether or not I can prosecute him for slander? Will you oblige me by attending to this request? It is my expectation to be at the Bay this week — &, if I can prosecute him, I should like to do it immediately while the court is in session. You need not write to me, as I trust shortly to see you.

I am Respectf y. & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

H. S. Baird, Esq., Green Bay .

[Unbound MSS.]

AFFAIRS AT DUCK CREEK MISSION.

[Letter mutilated; probable words or parts of words missing, in brackets.]

Duck Creek , Sept. 2 d 1834.

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Dear Sir ,—i take the liberty of sending to you from this seat of science & refinement¹ a late publication respecting China & one or two Museums which I hope will

¹ On finally resigning from the superintendency of the Green Bay mission, Cadle for a time took charge of that to the Oneidas, at Duck Creek. Afterwards he became chaplain at Forts Winnebago and Crawford, and in 1841 the superior at Nashotah House. The died at Seaford, Del., in 1857, aged 60 years. He was of a family of ten children, none of whom married, and all are now dead; his sister Mary, the last of the family, died in New York, in October, 1896, aged 88.— Ed.

489 be interesting. I also forward My Ellis' letter respecting Prickett's opposition to the Mission in 1831 for your private perusal. You was correct in speaking of it as occuring at Philada.: I had been under the impression from the place the letter was written from that Mr Boyd & Mr Van Pelt had visited the Menominees at Washington. Prickett had had two children, Elizabeth & Talbot, boarding at the Mission from Oct. 25. 1829 to Sept. 25. 1830; and two other children who attended as day-scholars for a short time. No charge was ever made to him. Perhaps it is not correct to say that I dismissed his children; for I wished them to stay if he had been willing to allow the[m to remain] without taking them home so frequently as he did. If he insisted on taking them, I told him I could not continue the charge of them. My reason was, tho' I did not assign it, that I had no confidence in the good ordering of Prickett's house, & that the evil there learned by his children would neutralise the good they might acquire at school. He was violent & abusive; and like various other foolish persons seemed to think he was doing me a great favour in sending his children to the Mission. I refer to this matter only to give you correct information respecting. it, & not with any wish to injure Mr Prickett—whom I have long since forgiven & who is not worthy of being my adversary.

I find that nine Oneidas have died in one week beginning Aug. 25 th. last.

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1. Isaac Case, Aug. 25—taken sick near the Brick yard opposite M r Arndt's — & died on the road 3 miles from the ferry.
2. George Doxtater, Aug. 26—died on the road near Beaverdam.
3. Thomas Reed, Aug. 27 — died near the Brick yard.
4. William Hotchkiss, Aug. 27—died soon after returng. from G. Bay.
5. John Powlis, Aug. 27 — died soon after returng. from G. Bay
6. Mrs Margaret Smith, Aug. 27.
7. Anthony Swamp, Aug. 29. died soon after returng. from G. Bay.
8. Aug 31. Mrs Susan Order.
9. Sept. 1. Mrs Sally Powlis.

All the men were intemperate; one of the females was so to the last; another had been so till within a month; 490 the last mentioned [two or three words torn off] character, Doxtater was taken sick on the road & left alone—his wife & child hurried to him as soon as they were informed of his state — & remain d. with him without other aid while he was in a dying condition. He expired the next morning. Mrs Smith was attacked at day light & died at two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. I have visit d. some of the sick & requested the Oneidas to inform me if any are attacked that I may go to see them as their minister. Dr. Worrell¹ was here yesterday, & will come out again today; but so far as my knowledge goes there are not many cases at present. In addit n. to intemperance imprudence in diet seems to be a cause of this distress g. mortality. On Sunday last I had the advantage of having a good interpreter & one of good character—and I preached on the subject of drunkenness—and urged the Oneidas never to go to Green Bay but when business required their presence there & to leave it as soon as possible—to join the Temperance Society

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& to keep their promises—that it was vain for them to say they were tempted to drink—that, they must as christians resist temptation & that they ought to keep out of the way of temptation. In the even g. of Sunday I married a couple — about 50 Oneidas surround g. the door yard.

1 See *ante*, p. 441, note 3.— Ed.

I renewed yesterday my attention to the school, but I have no hopes that I can do much good — I consider chiefly in opening it the fulfilment of a promise.

With my respects to Mrs & Miss Boyd, I am Resp y. & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Col. Geo. Boyd .

[Boyd, IV: 95.]

CADLE TO ELLIS.

Green Bay Oct. 22d. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—I reply to your favor of the 13th inst—& will leave this note in the expectation that you will visit 491 this place before a long time. I am deeply obliged to you—to M rs Whitney for her kind offers—& to M rs Dory; but I trust that you will consider, if I should be unable to comply with your request, that the reason will be the peculiarity of my position before the public. I could have lived very happily at Navarino if no difficulties had occurred to me. The Oneida chiefs did not meet on the day they had informed me they would meet: they met on the 16 th inst. & after wards called on me, requested me to remain at Duck Creek, & stated that they could give me \$300. a year. As yet I have not returned an answer to this proposition, & with regard to it have asked the favour of a few days for deliberation. I will write to you again as soon as I can decide. I do not certainly know where

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I shall labour during the winter. Be pleased to mention my obligations to Mrs Whitney, for whose kind invitation I shall ever be thankful.

I am Respectf y. & truly yrs. R. F. Cadle .

A. G. Ellis, Esq., Navarino .

[MS. loaned by E. H. Ellis.]

CADLE VS. LOUIS GRIGNON.

Green Bay Nov . 15, 1834.

Dear Sir ,—it is my wish to put into the hands of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Michigan a copy of my letter to Gov. Porter of last winter in reference to Lewis Grignon & such proof as will sustain my statement. I have not the slightest inclination to attempt interfering with Mr Grignon's appointment, & desire only the possession by my superiors of evidence in support of my letter. Should you be disposed to give me however briefly a reply to a few inquiries, I would feel under great obligations to you, & would limit myself in the use of your answer as you might see proper to direct.

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The following are the questions which I respectfully submit to you—

1. Was not the warrant against myself & the assist ts. of the Mission informal?
2. Was the name of any adult prosecutor endorsed on it until you required it to be done?
3. Did L. Grignon allow the defendants to shew on cross examination the fault of the complainants?
4. Did he allow the defendants to shew the fault of the complaints. by the witnesses of the complainants?

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5. Was not his reason for this last refusal—that no one was bound to criminate himself?
6. Did he not keep the minutes of the evidence in one of the cases in the French language?
7. Did he not express an opinion before the service of the warrant unfavourable to some of the defendants?
8. During the examination did he shew an eagerness to effect the object of the prosecutor?

I do not solicit you to take the trouble of preparing long communication in reply; & I regret to be under the necessity of asking my friends (& one of these I am grateful that you are) to take any further trouble in my case. And I repeat that I am now seeking only such testimony as will make good my statement of last winter. If you would give me the benefit of your's, I will shew to you my communication in full before I transmit it to Detroit.

I remain Resp y. & truly yrs, R. F. Cadle .

Addressed: "Henry S. Baird, Esq., Present."

[Unbound MSS.]

TO BOYD.

Duck Creek , Dec. 8th. 1834.

Dear Sir ,—I was spoken to some weeks ago by Judge Arndt in relation to the case of two orphan children now experiencing his protection & which he is desirous of placing at the Mission. They are quarter-Chippewas; and, as 493 I presume, Mr. Brown¹ is unable from his instructions to admit them at present among the number supported by the Society, it has occurred to me that possibly they might be sent to our school at Green Bay in the list of Government-pupils. If this disposal of them could be made, it would be very gratifying to

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my feelings; though I have never seen the children referred to, for whom I am interested solely in consequence of their state of bereavement.

1 Rev. Daniel E. Brown, who succeeded Cadle as superintendent of the Green Bay mission.— Ed.

I am Respectf y. & truly Your's, Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd, U.S. Ind. Agent at Green Bay.

[Boyd, IV: 99.]

Duck Creek Feb. 28th 1835.

Dear Sir ,—I again trouble you with a note & package; but I thought that Mr Ward's kind letter to me required prompt reply, & I have therefore attempted one today-which I submit to you. If you think there is any part of it that is objectionable, I hope you will retain the letter till I go in to Green Bay, & I will write a new one. If you approve of it, would it be too much trouble for you to seal it & have it put into the Post office? I really am very sorry thus to heap communication upon communication; but what is necessary to be done I like to do at once, & I would wish not to write to Washington without your quaintance with all that I write.

I am Resp y. & truly Yrs. R. F. Cadle .

Col. Geo. Boyd, Agency House .

[Boyd, IV: 103.]

Navarino . Oct. 14th. 1835.

Dear Sir ,—Since I last saw you I have been constantly weighing in my mind the question whether on my own account 494 & that of the congregation of Christ Church it would be

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advisable for me to stay here or go below. As it regards myself the conclusion to which I have come is, that it would be best for me to remove from Navarino. I must therefore throw myself on the generosity of those members of the Vestry who had expressed themselves as ready to invite me to remain & to whom I had signified my willingness to do so,—and solicit from them a release from my informal engagement. I hope that you will not think me very capricious.

I believe that no additional member of the Vestry has returned to Green Bay since last week, & I presume that there could be no meeting of that body to morrow; but I am not authorized to say to you that that proposed meeting is adjourned.

With great respect & truth I am yrs, Rich d. F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd, Agency House .

[Boyd, IV: 115.]

BROWN TO GRIGNON.

Mission Buildings Green Bay Jan y 6th 1836

Sir ,—The Boy you mention left here on the second day of the vacation with his mother who came for him & he has not yet returned, you probably are aware that during the vacation all the children are permitted to visit their parents it was under this regulation that Mr Suydam let him go on the solicitation of his mother he has been much affected with his eyes and our Physician has said it was a scroffulous affection we have exhausted all our knowledge in trying to relieve him but in vain

his time will expire on the 8 th of March next but could you do any thing to restore his sight I should feel it a duty to let you take him now for with his eyes in their condition he would not be able to attend school — he is naturally a bright boy & could he have his sight & an

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opportunity 495 he would I think make good improvement but unless his eyes are soon relieved I fear he will become blind

hoping you will be able to administer to his relief I remain Sir Your very obedient humble servant Daniel E Brown Superintendent¹

¹ The mission family at this time consisted, according to the annual report for 1836, of the domestic committee of the D. & F. M. Society, of Rev. Daniel E. Brown, superintendent; J. G. Knapp, S. B. Sherwood, Mrs. Brown, Miss Sarah Crawford, and Miss Susan Crawford, assistants. April 4, 1836, there were "61 scholars in the mission school—34 boys and 27 girls. Of these, 34 are Menomonees, 7 Chippewas, 3 Osages, 2 Delawares, 10 Oneidas, 1 Knistoneux, 1 Stockbridge, 1 Brothertown, and 2 whites. Thirty-one children of the number, received into the School by the Rev. Mr. Cadle, remain. In less than two years, all the boys, and a great proportion of the girls, will have left the Mission, by the expiration of their time." Seven of these scholars are supported by individuals; five, at the rate of fifteen dollars per annum, and two pay thirty dollars per annum. During the past year two boys have absconded from the School, and twelve other children have left the mission, by the expiration of their indentures. One of these, a Menomonee girl, fourteen years old, in the opinion of Mr. Brown, had experienced the renewing influence of the grace of God. She had been baptized by him, and admitted to the Communion. Mr. Brown observes: "If she could have remained with us two years longer, with her knowledge of the Menomonee language, she would have made an invaluable teach among them."— Ed.

Louis Grignon Esqr [G. L. P., XXXVII: 3.]

BROWN TO BOYD.

Mission Buildings G B June 17th 1837

Coll. Gee Boyd

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Dear Sir ,—It is with much gratification that I learn your reappointment to your old Station & tender you my hearty congratulation upon the event

Our Semi Annual Examination will take place on Tuesday of next week at 10 oclock A. M. will you be kind 496 enough to attend as the Govt. Agent if compatible with your other duties.

Respectfully & affectionately Your Obt Servant Daniel E Brown Superintendent

[Unbound MSS.]

CADLE TO BOYD.

New York , Augt. 25th. 1837.

Dear Sir ,—Though I am about writing a few lines to you, yet I must promise in candour that I have nothing interesting to communicate. The newspapers give gloomy representations of the state of the country; but in this city There is at least an appearance of life & business. This business, I suppose, must be confined to cash & retail. Specie is a trafficking article instead of being a circulating medium. Bank notes are called rags, but they seem to be available for all the purposes for which money is used except at the Post office counter. The labouring classes I believe suffer much & will probably suffer more for a year to come. I fear that a great cause of the asserted general distress is—the wild spirit of speculation and extravagance in living which has prevailed for some time past—encouraged by the action of the general administration in removing the public deposits from the late U. S. Bank & in requiring certain specific payments to be made in specie. By the first measure the 80 deposit banks were excited and stimulated to large issues of paper, & by the latter that paper became depreciated. The foreign debt must be paid; & the banks having too much sail when the storm came on, thought it prudent to shut their ballast in till the storm should blow over. I question the honesty of suspending payment, while there is money in the purse; & think that the universality of suspension alone saves

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those institutions from shame & ruin. Nor can I allow the propriety of such suspensions being sanctioned by law, which is nothing more nor less than an impairing of the obligation of 497 contracts. In the next congress I hope there will be wisdom & strength enough to put down locofocoism, to keep from new experiments, to revive the U. S. Bank, and to raise our prostrate credit on its legs again.

Since my arrival here in the latter part of June I have spent some days at Hudson & its vicinity, & visited Goshen from which I had been absent seventeen years. I have preached four or five Sundays at Fort Hamilton, Long Island, & am contemplating a visit to Salem, New Jersey, where I was once settled. My mother & sisters are in pretty good health. I have made no application as yet for any particular station, but presume that I shall do so in the course of next month.¹ I hope that you & your family have enjoyed good health. Having been commissioned to get the Plat of Nee-sho-to lithographed & authorized to name the streets, I thought it best to give the names in general of gentlemen at Green Bay to the streets of that town. If you should perceive on that plat the name of "Boyd Street," I trust it will be some inducement to purchase lots on it. And I hope that the other gentlemen named will feel the force of this consideration.² As it is four years since my last visit to N.Y. I see changes in persons & things. The city has greatly improved & become enlarged, and all the neighbouring places indicate

¹ Feb. 15, 1836, Cadle had been appointed by the D. & F. M. Society as missionary to Navarino, where the congregation were still worshipping in the public school-house. In the annual report of the domestic committee of the society, submitted to the society at its meeting June 25, 1836, it is stated that there are eleven communicants at Navarino, and that the ladies of the parish had furnished \$1,700 towards a church building, the result of a fair held in the preceding September. Cadle does not seem to have long continued at Navarino, his health being still poor.— Ed.

² For the history of Nashotah House, see Morehouse's *Some American Churchmen* (Milwaukee, 1892), chap. ix, and *Nashotah Scholiast*, vol. The institution was not

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established until 1841, but this letter shows that the project was in embryo four years previous to that. Cadle was the first superior at Nashotah, having been invited to become such by Bishop Kemper, in a letter dated Feb. 19, 1841; he was soon succeeded in that office by Rev. J. Lloyd Breck.— Ed.

498 a lately increased growth and late prosperity. May it soon be renewed. Should you see Mr Irwin, will you take the trouble of telling him that, as soon as my course shall be determined on, I mean to write to him (if I do not pass thro' Green Bay) on the subject of his lost horse.

Be pleased to give my respects to Mrs & Miss Boyd & all your family.

I remain Respectfy & truly Your's, Richd F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd. Green Bay [Boyd, V: 35.]

BROWN TO GRIGNON.

Mission Buildings Green Bay Sept 4th 1837.

Dear Sir ,—Our Society have resolved to reduce our family & with this in view have directed me to retain but twenty five children in the Mission to which number I am reducing the family as fast, as the expiration of the indentures will enable me

Our number is now ten above that number which will preclude my taking any at present— On behalf of the children I am much grieved that I am prevented from taking them & hope you will still persevere in giving them an education

Very respectfully your obt Servant Daniel E Brown

L Grignon Esq [G. L. P., XL: 40.]

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Mission Buildings Green Bay February 26th 1838

My Dear Sir,—Your note has just been handed me & in answer I would beg leave to say that Mary Fletcher was bound to us by indentures executed by her Father and 499 afterwards at the time of his death (which took place here) his last dying words to us were to keep & take care of his child

The Indentures are not yet expired & of course untill they are so we wish her to remain with us—the person applying has no claim to mary but in my opinion is set on by others as Mary has lately become attached to our Church

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But to consign her to the hands of this man or even those who are putting these measures in operation would be to send her directly to the haunts of vice & depravity a measure I am confident, my Friend, the Indian Agent, will never countenance—

I will endeavour to see you in a short time on the subject

I remain Dear Sir your most obedient humble servant Daniel E Brown Superintendent G. B. Miss

Coll Gee Boyd Indian Agent [Boyd, V: 49.]

MRS. BROWN TO GRIGNON.

Green Bay Feb 27—1838

Dear Sir,—most of my patrons are becomeing alarmed about the small pox and have taken their children out of school on account of their fears & some of them have advised me to close my school—which I shall do if no serious objections are raised by my patrons.

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If you have objections to the closing of the school, before the quarter expires you will please state them to me

Respectfully &C. Yours F. A. Brown 1

1 Wife and assistant of the superintendent.— Ed.

L. Grignon Esq

N. B. I shall charge each scholar for no more time than he has attended in case I close now.

F. A. B.

[G. L. P., XLI: 16.]

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EDUCATION AMONG ONEIDAS.

Oneida West April 31 1838

To Colonel Boyd U. S. ag. Indian affairs

Dear Sir ,—We thank you for what you have don for our people—and will give you the infermation you ask about our school affairs without delay.

We have about 40 Children in our part of the Oneida nation capeble to go to school. We have had a school her for about five years, the number of schollars has considerably varied in that time—for the last year the attendance at school has been about 20 thirty and 35 in the winter and from 10 to fifteen and 20 in the summer Our school is now taught by our missionaries wife but we expect she will be relieved in a week or two by a lady from Ohio who is to take our school

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Respectfully &c, his Thomas X Loudwick mark his John X Cooper mark John Cornelius

Chiefs of the Orchard party of the Oneida nation

[Boyd, V: 55.]

Washington , May 18. 1838.

My Dear Sir,—the Oneida Treaty was confirmed by Senate on Saturday the 12th inst. precisely as it was negotiated. I have had a long and tedious struggle, but have succeeded beyond my expectations. I shall leave for home on Monday the 21st.

The Indian Department forwarded to you a letter a few days since, making inquiries in regard to the annuities which have not been received by the Oneidas for several years past. I have had the matter investigated by the Department and they have decided that the balance due shall 501 be paid, and that it shall continue to be paid hereafter, cash, according to the number which must be certified by you as agent before the apportionment is made. As this is a matter of some importance to them, and as their number at Green Bay will be increased soon by the accession of several families from N. York, and as this apportionment, when once made, will be *final* , I should consider it great favor, Sir, if you would delay your answer to the communication from the Department till I reach Green Bay, when I will have an interview with you on the subject.

Remember me affectionately to your dear family—May the choicest blessings of Heaven rest upon you all.

Yours most truly And in haste Solomon Davis .1

1 Rev. Solomon Davis, of New York, was sent by the D. & F. M. Society to minister to the Oneidas of Duck Creek, in the autumn of 1835; but owing to the lateness of the season

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was obliged to winter at Mackinac, "where his services were gladly sought by the garrison at that post, and several other persons friendly to our Church."— Ed.

To Col. Geo: Boyd

[Unbound MSS.]

A VISIT FROM SECRETARY CARDER.

Office of Domestic Missions P. E. Ch.

115 Franklin St. New York

June 1, 1838.

Col. George Boyd Indian Agent, Green Bay

Sir,—the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of the P. E. Church have instructed me to visit their Indian School at Green Bay the present summer and to take further measures towards bringing it to a close at no distant period. I purpose leaving here about the middle of July and being at Green Bay on the first of August.

As you have an official as well as personal interest in the business which calls me to your town, I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at that time and conferring with you fully on the subject.

I am, Sir, Very respectfully & truly Your obedient servant James D. Carder

Sec. & Gen. Agt, D. C. B. Missions.

[Boyd, V: 58.]

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Hill Creek , August 11th. 1836

Dear Sir ,—I feel much indebted to you for the manner in which you was pleased to constitute me the representative, in your place, of the Bishop of New York as one of the Trustees of the Wisconsin University of Green Bay,¹ I value it chiefly as a proof of your own friendly feelings towards myself. There was much opposition to the admission of proxies, but finally their right to act was allowed. I was surprised that Mr. Brown thought proper to vote against their admission. Perhaps I may leave Green Bay tomorrow afternoon, & should you have any communication to Thos. A. Boyd, Esq. I would be very happy to be the bearer of it. With my respects & remembrances to Mrs Boyd, to Mrs. Hamilton, & all your family.

¹ See *ante*, p. 412, note.— Ed.

I remain With respect & truth, your's, Rich d F. Cadle .

Col. George Boyd. U. S. I. Agency at Green Bay .

[Boyd, V: 60.]

CARDER TO BOYD.

Mission House Green Bay August 14 1838

Dear Sir ,—I have directed John Michael Shatzel to find his father and bring him to you.

If his father gives his full and free consent that I should take him with me to the East and find a place for him where I could have some oversight over him and he could derive some benefit from the name he bears I will take him along and do for him the best I can provided it meets your entire approbation. John Michael will bring your answer to this note.

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I remain Dear Sir Very respectfully & truly Your friend & servant James D. Carder Sec. & Gen. Agt D. C. B. M.

Col. George Boyd U.S. Agt Indian Affairs Green Bay .

[Boyd, V: 61.]

DAVIS TO BOYD.

To Col. George Boyd

My Dear Sir ,—I have only time to inform you by Mr. Bread that I will call on you with my report on Tuesday the 21st inst. Your kindness will excuse my delinquency, I know, as my ill health has prevented an earlier attention to your communication.

Yours Truly S. Davis .

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NUMBER OF PUPILS REDUCED.

Coll. George Boyd Indian Agent Agency Green Bay Wisconsin Territory

Sir ,—In presenting you with a Report of this Institution for the past year I would beg leave to say, that no alteration has taken place in the buildings, lands, & farming operations; but all remain in every respect as reported last season—

The number of persons connected with the Mission are five (Viz) Daniel E Brown superintendent, Miss Harriette I 504 Brown Female superintendent; Miss Sarah Crawford Teacher, Miss Susan Crawford sempstress, and Mr Edson Sherwood Farmer—The two first named persons expect to retire on the 1 st day of October next, if the approbation of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Mission is obtained by that time

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The number of children who are now connected with the Mission are twelve, ten girls & two boys; of these, nine girls & one boy are connected with the Menominee Indians, one girl with the Osages, & the other boy with the Stockbridges.

The great reduction in our family was made by the Agent of the Domestic Committee in obedience to a Resolution of that Committee passed I believe the 27 th of May last, & is as follows—"Resolved that it is expedient to discontinue "the Indian Mission School at Green Bay at the earliest "period when it can justly be done—

Under the above the Agent directed all the children to be discharged but the above mentioned twelve—government as well as other, Children; the Mission being only nominally in existence at the present time, & which arrangement is expected to continue but for a very limited period —

The Amount of disbursements have been for the past year about \$1,700.00

The personal property inventoried last season at \$471.00 remained the same untill the 3rd of September last, when was sold at public auction to the Amount of \$261.00 — still most of the Farming Utensils & stock was reserved from sale—

The plan of Instruction pursued in the school was, as heretofore reported, the branches of a common English education (Viz) Reading, writing, arithmetic, grammer, geography & history

Daniel E Brown Superintendent

Mission Buildings Green Bay

Wisconsin Territory Sept 29 th 1838

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CONTRACT TO BUILD HOBART CHURCH.

This Article of Agreement between Edwin Hart of Green Bay in the County of Brown and Territory of Wisconsin of the first part and Solomon Davis of Duck Creek, in County and Territory aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth: That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the payments herein specified, agrees to build Hobart Church¹ at Duck Creek aforesaid, in the following style and manner, the whole to be finished and completed by the first day of September next. The foundation Wall of the Building to be of stone laid in Mortar two feet and a half high and eighteen inches thick, with the necessary pillars under the centre of the building to support the same — The frame to be erected thereon to be 34 by 48 feet—The building to be eighteen feet high from floor to ceiling. The whole building to be sheathed with one inch pine boards rough, & covered (except front end) with half inch pine siding, planed & well nailed. The roof to be covered with inch boards & shingles laid on five inches to the weather. The front end of the building to be ceiled with flooring boards 4 or 5 inches wide tongued, grooved and blind nailed, and the joints put together in white lead, with pilasters on each corner of the building according to Mr. Barrow's plan. The windoes three on each side and two in front to be in plain gothic style as represented in plan by Mr. Coon. The interior of the building to be divided according to Barrow's plan, the two front inner doors to be finished with pilasters as well as the two doors leading from vestry room into chancel. The ends of the slips next to the aisles to be pannelled—the doors of the slips to be capped and pannelled — the back and front of each slip to be capped with suitable book-board and kneeling bench to each. The vestry rooms on each side of the Chancel 8 feet square, to be well finished lathed & plastered, the floor to be elevated

1 Named for Rt;. Rev. John Henry Hobart, bishop of New York, who had died in 1830. He was an earnest advocate of church missions.— Ed.

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506 level with the chancel floor, with door leading from each to a room into the chancel as represented in Barrow's plan. There is to be one door in the rear end of the building, leading into vestry room, & one window containing 12 lights 8 x 10 glass, in each of said rooms. The floor of the chancel is to be elevated to a suitable distance from the floor of the building. The pulpit reading desk altar and winding stairs leading into pulpit, to be neatly executed—the pulpit to be octagonal in form, and the desk pannelled. The chancel to be enclosed with a heavy moulded rail, supported with heavy turned bannisters, moulded, with a kneeling board around the outside of the base of the bannisters. The whole to be painted in imitation of Mahogany, & neatly executed. The whole interior of building to be furrowed for lathing, and to be plastered with two coats of mortar—hard finished. The ceiling to have an arch formed each side, starting at a suitable distance from the floor, and touching the level ceiling about one third of the distance from the side walls on either side, the level ceiling to recede so as to form a pannel. The beams extending across the building are to be raised crowning by means of king posts with principal rafters framed into them. The tower is to correspond in every respect with the one represented in Coon's plan, with green blinds on the four sides of the bell story. The bell is to be hung provided it is furnished by the first day of September next. The front door steps are to be of plank well put together and answering to representation in Barrow's plan, the same kind of door steps to be constructed for small door in rear of building. Two brick chimneys of suitable size are to be built from each vestry room to top of the rear end of the building. The building is to be painted with two coats of paint both on the inside & out. Should there be any thing necessary to be done to the entire finish & completion of the said church according to the above mentioned plans which is not specified in this article of agreement, the said party of the first part hereby binds himself to do the same and to do the whole work in a good substantial and workman-like 507 manner & have the whole completed by the time before specified—

The said party of the second part agrees to furnish all the materials necessary to the completion of the said Church and to pay to the said party of the first part the sum of

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thirteen hundred and ten dollars. The payment to be made as follows viz: The sum of one thousand and twenty dollars for framing the building, and doing the carpenters and joiners work, the further sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars for doing the plastering and mason's work; and the further sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars for doing the painting glazing &c. It is understood and agreed that Messrs Schooley & Allen are to do the masonry and painting. Two hundred and fifty dollars of the above sum is agreed to be paid to the said party of the first part, when the building is framed and raised; and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars is agreed to be paid in like manner when the building is enclosed; and the remainder is to be paid when the building is finished in the manner specified in this article of agreement

The said party of the first part further agrees to furnish and deliver the lime (to be of the best quality) necessary to be used in building said church for the further sum of Two dollars per barrel—and also to furnish and deliver the stone for the said building, if requested to do so by the said party of the second part, at the price of six dollars per cord—said stone to be measured in the wall after being laid. In case of failure on the part of the said party of the first part to fulfill any of the stipulations contained in this Article of agreement he agrees to forfeit and pay unto the said party of the second part the sum of five hundred dollars—And the said party of the second part binds himself to fulfill or forfeit the same amount. Signed sealed and delivered this fifteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine at Duck Creek aforesaid

In presence of Edwin Hart L. W. Davis Solomon Davis

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\$1310.00

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I hereby acknowledge to have received from Solomon Davis the sum of thirteen hundred and ten dollars it being my payment in full on the foregoing contract

Edwin Hart

I do certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the Original as Witness my hand at Green Bay this 22nd day November A.D. 1839 John Last

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BILL FOR CONSTRUCTING HOBART CHURCH.

Rev. Solomon Davis To Edwin Hart Dr

For Labor performed and expenses incurred in building Hobart Church at Duck Creek not specified in Contract viz.

1839

May 9 To Measuring Lumber 10/ \$1.25

" " "Sticking up do 16/ 2.00

" 10 "Drawg. Lumber \$11 11.00

"Sticking up do 16/ 2.00

"Drawg sand & water for wale 3.00

27 Haulg Nails 8/Sticking Lumber 8/ 2.00

June 10 Drawg a Load from Green Bay 24/ 3.00

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Boarding Indians 2 days 4/ 1.00

Drawg wood for kiln 8/ 1.00

Building & tending board kiln 25.00

July 3 hauling sand & water for plastering 10.50

Hauling 3 Loads of Brick 32/ 12.00

Do 6 Bas. Hair 1.00

11 days Carps. Work in completing Parsonage 16/ 22.00

Cash pd. Indians Hewing timber for frame of Church 11.00

Cash to two Indians for Haulg Timber 10.00

Provisions furnished do 3.12

Cash for Labour & boarding Labourer in digging for foundation of Church 3.00

Cash lad two hands cuttg. wood for Board kiln 3.00

Cash for team to Green Bay including ferriage 4.00

29 Cash for do 4.00

30 Cash for do 4.00

Aug. 13 Cash for do 4.00

" " Cash for team 1/2 day to haul Boards 2.00

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\$144.87

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Duck Creek August thirteenth 1839

\$144.87

I hereby acknowledge to have received from Solomon Davis the sum of One hundred and forty four dollars and eighty seven cents, in full for the above bill. And I do hereby certify that the labor was performed and the expenses incurred by me as here specified in building Hobart Church, for the benefit of the first Christian Party of Oneida Indians—

Edwin Hart.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy from the Original as Witness my hand at Green Bay this 22nd day of November A. D. 1839.

John Last.

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ELLIS'S ACCOUNT.

Rector Wardens & Vestrymen of Christ Church, Green Bay.

To A. G. Ellis Dr.

The following payments for & on account of said church, to-wit

1836

Sept. Paid John V. Suydam for moving organ from Mission house to Navarino schoolhouse, place of public worship 10.00

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Interest on same 4 years 2.80

Paid W. W. Matthews for putting up petition in front of Organ in said house 12.00

interest on same 4 years 3.36

1837

March Sett of wooden pipes in place of leaden ones which had become useless & repairing bellows 12.00

interest on same 3 years 4 mos. 2.80

Sept. Paid John V. Suydam for his interest in organ as per Christ Church 30.00

interest on same 3 years 6.30

Paid John V Suydam for fixtures, benches, window tables &c in school house place of worship 37.00

interest 3 years 7.77

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Apl 10 & 11 Paid Revd Richard F. Cadle part of his salary as rector 170

Rec.d on subscription list towards same 118.50

This balance advanced by me 51.50

interest 3 years 5 mo 11.91

1840 Sept. Paid O. J. Soper balance of bill for lumber & turning 9.30

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6 yards marine cloth for curtain for organ 4/ 3.00

Paid Revd. Benj. Eaton on account of his boarding 50.00

\$249.74

Indorsed: "Copy of A. G. Ellis acct. vs. church"

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LIST OF MISSION CHILDREN.

Mission House Oct. 2. 1840.

Col. Boyd Dear Sir ,—i send to you again a list of the names of the children belonging to this Mission, again ask of you the favour to attend to their annuities. We have since the last year taken two boys belonging to the family of Makahtakwaquot, who were formerly bound to the Mission but had absconded. Their father brought them back last spring & I received them again.

With great respect I remain dear Sir Yours truly Sarah Crawford .

Col. Boyd

List of names of Mission Children

Mowarkeaku Wa pa she won Pia wa she

Parents Name Makatawakwot

Sar kar sa war Ke war te no ku Muche ke quar wish

Ma ta wue

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Mak co mi wash Wah pung Wah Misk Mah a ta co ne war

Mak a ta wa kwot

Se wa quo chin

Moketchewon

Indorsed: "Letter from Miss Crawford."

[Boyd, VI: 77.]

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GOVERNMENT RECEIVED.

Duck Creek , W. T. May 8, 1841.

Rev & Dear Sir ,—i received from Col. Boyd, on the 4th. inst. the sum of \$1500. to be expended in the tuition, board & clothing of 10 destitute orphan children now at Green Bay Mission. An allowance of \$500 a year for three years. I have executed to him my bond in the sum of \$3000. that this amount shall be faithfully applied by me under the direction of the Dom. Corn. of the Board of Missions to the object specified. No part of the above sum will, therefore, be expended until I receive from you directions for disbursing the same. Col. Boyd is certainly entitled to our thanks for this preference and for his uniform kindness to us in our Missionary enterprise among the Indians. He has further intimated to me that the next sum of \$1500, which is soon to come into his hands, shall be appropriated in the same way to our School among the Oneidas. And you may rest assured this will be done, unless the Department at Washington sees fit to direct to the contrary. Inclosed is an extract from Col. Boyd's letter to the Sec'ty of War on this subject.

I remain, Rev. & Dr. Sir, Your friend & obt. Servt. Solomon Davis .

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Rev. J. Dixon Carder Sec'y of Dom. Com. of Board of Missions. New York.

[G. L. P., XLVI: 25.]

THANKS TO BOYD.

Church Missions, Domestic Office , 281 Broadway, New York , June 1, 1841.

Col. George Boyd, United States Indian Agent, Green Bay Agency. W. T.

Dear Sir ,—the Rev. Solomon Davis, superintendent of the Green Bay School, has transmitted to this office information of your having paid to him, on the fourth of May 512 last, fifteen hundred dollars; to be expended in the tuition, board and clothing of ten destitute orphan Children, now at the Green Bay Mission, for three years from 1840 to 1842 inclusive; he having given bonds in twice the amount for the faithful disbursement of the same under the direction of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Mr. Davis has also informed the Committee of your intention to appropriate the same amount (now coming into your hands) for the benefit of the Duck Creek establishment, if not otherwise directed by the indian Department.

This information was submitted to the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions at their meeting last evening. And it affords me very great pleasure to communicate to you the following resolutions, then adopted.

“Resolved That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Col. Boyd, United States Indian Agent at Green Bay, for the very just consideration with which he has been pleased to regard the Green Bay Mission School in the recent application of funds to it for education purposes.”

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“Resolved That Col. Boyd, United States Indian Agent at Green Bay, be very respectfully solicited to carry into effect his just and liberal intention of applying the next appropriation under the treaty of Butte des Mortes, to the Missionary establishment among the Oneidas at Duck Creek, W. T.; and that he be assured that in the opinion of this Committee, said establishment is well deserving of aid, on account of the great benefits which it is conferring upon the Oneidas.”

With high considerations of personal regard, I am, dear sir, very respectfully & truly, J. Dixon Carder , Sec. & Gen. Agt. D. C. B. M.

Col. George Boyd, United States Ind. Agency, Green Bay, W. T .

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DAVIS REVIEWS THE MISSION'S RECORD.

Duck Creek W. T. Sept. 16.1841.

Dear Sir ,—in answer to your communication of the 9th ult. asking for information in regard to the schools under my charge I have the honor to report: That our establishment at Green Bay, which is a boarding school, and confined in its operations to the Menomonees, numbers at present Ten children who are being instructed under the patronage of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church and receiving their entire support. One male and two female assistants are employed at this station. The Mission farm is productive and contributes largely to the comfort of the family. This Mission has, in former years, been one of deep interest to the Church. It was planted at a time when the Indians for whose benefit it was especially intended were living near and hovering around it; and hundreds of their children have, in years gone by, participated to a greater or less degree in its advantages. It is evident, however, that the amount of good here accomplished has not been in proportion to the means employed. By Treaty

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stipulations the Tribe are now removed at a distance of more than sixty miles, and can, of course, derive no benefit from the practical working of the Establishment—besides it is evident to all who are experienced in Indian Missions, that a boarding school, however well conducted, is far from being the best method of operating beneficially in changing the habits and improving the condition of the untutored savage. Of this the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions have become fully convinced; under which conviction this Mission has been reduced to its present condition with a view to its discontinuance, as soon as existing obligations will allow this desirable measure to be carried into effect.

Indolence is the prominent obstacle in the way of the advancement of these pupils in the arts of civilized life. Until this obstacle is surmounted; until habits of industry are, in fact, rivited upon them, no permanent change in their 33 514 condition can be secured. Their children may be taken and educated away, from the Tribe; a partial benefit to themselves may be the result; but, in nine cases out of ten, a return to their home brings with it a return to that same indolence of mind and body which is characteristic of the Indian, and which totally unfits them for usefulness. if it does not sink them in degradation below the less enlightened of their Tribe. I speak from actual experience. In every instance where this experiment has been tried by the religious body to which I belong it has proved an entire failure. I would as soon think of working a permanent change upon the character and habits of all the wild beasts of the wood, through the instrumentality of some one, or half dozen, of each class or kind, who had been caught and confined for a season, and then let loose and suffered to go unrestrained among their fellows. It is as reasonable, all circumstances considered, to expect lasting good to result from the one as the other of these causes.

We need no costly establishments to prosecute this truly benevolent, and to the wasting aborigines, all important work. The more simple the plan of operating, the better; and the greater will be the prospect of ultimate success. Instead of taking the Indian away from his Tribe and providing for his maintainance and support, it is vastly more advantageous to go where he is, take him by the hand, and lead him gradually on in a practical knowledge of

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the science of taking care of himself, by making his own exertions contribute to the comfort of his own fireside, and the maintainance of himself and family. This is the only way he can be made to eat the fruit of his industry. Give to a Tribe its minister; its school master, and its farmer; let them be men of entire devotion to their calling, and who will seek in every possible way, by example as well as precept, to inculcate upon the whole mass of idleness and sloth, habits of industry as well as the principles of morality and religion. With the evident advantage to themselves of an effort of this kind they cannot fail of being convinced; they are almost imperceptibly wrought upon; 515 a career of improvement is commenced, which, with those who care for them continually in their midst to sustain and cheer them on, will lead, by the blessing of God, to the most happy results.

The course here alluded to has been pursued among the Oneida Tribe with whom I am more immediately connected, with visible good effects. Their Indian customs and peculiarities after a lapse of Twenty years (during which period the present Missionary has been among them) have finally been made to disappear, and their advancement in civilization is beyond any other Tribe within my knowledge. They are become an agricultural people; most of them having farms under good cultivation, an abundance of stock of all kinds, with comfortable dwellings and outbuildings, some of the latter having an appearance of neatness and elegance not surpassed in many of our country villages. They have, also, a church edifice, in good taste, and possessing all the requisites for a worshipping assembly. Divine service is well attended and everything pertaining thereto done "decently & in order." Nearly One hundred, out of a population of Five Hundred souls are professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church. At the present time we have but one school averaging about 30 scholars, who are receiving an education in the most necessary branches under the instruction of one female Teacher.

I remain, very respectfully, Your too: obt. Serv't, Solomon Davis .

To Col. George Boyd, U. S. I. Agent for Menomonee & N. York, Indians .

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[Boyd, VII: 21.]